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* USSR: The intended mission of the latest Soviet lunar probe which was either to make a soft landing on the moon or to achieve a lunar orbit was not fulfilled, probably because an acceptable lunar trajectory was not achieved.

The operation, as it developed, could not have provided significant new data on the surface of the moon. According to Soviet announcements, the probe passed within 5,300 miles of the moon and entered an orbit that will bring it no closer than about 55,000 miles from the earth on its next approach.

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Communist China - Nepal: (The Chinese Communists have again complained to the Nepali Government about the activities of Tibetan refugees. An officer of the Chinese Embassy in Katmandu in late March expressed his government's resentment to the Foreign Minister, charging that these Tibetans, incited by the US and India, often crossed the border into Tibet to loot and burn. He asked that Nepal take strong measures to stop these activities.) [REDACTED]

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Communist China: (

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support for Moscow's position in the Sino-Soviet dispute exists among some junior members of the Chinese Communist Party.

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middle-level Chinese Communists feel strongly that the dispute is serving "no good purpose." Peiping has shown some concern over the ideological fidelity of middle and lower level party members in recent months, but it is doubtful that such opinions now are either very strong or widespread.)

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Vatican: The forthcoming papal encyclical, "Pax in Terris," expected to be made public this week, will imply that a certain degree of peaceful cooperation is possible between the Catholic Church and the Communist world, according to the US Embassy in Rome. the Vatican has no intention of making any concession to communism on fundamentals of church interest or Christian doctrine. Meanwhile, the Pope has taken another in a recent series of minor steps to reduce friction with the Soviets by asking for the renaming of an exhibit offensive to Communist diplomats which is appearing in Rome under the title of "The Church of Silence." The exhibit treats problems of the church in Eastern Europe.

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